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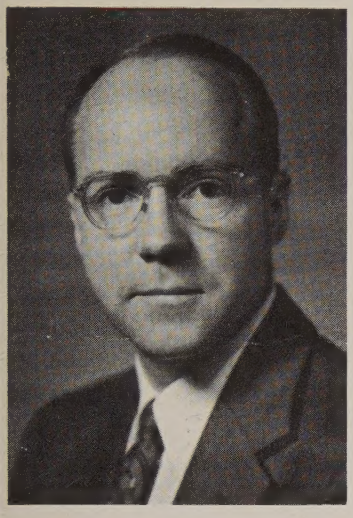
"BILL"LOVELL TO JOIN COMMISSION STAFF



With great pleasure we announce the appointment of William N. Lovell as Associate General Director for Study and Campus Christian Life of the Commission on Higher Education.

For the past ten years Mr. Lovell has been university pastor and director of the Porter Foundation, University of Chicago. Prior to that time he served as minister of South Congregational Church, Chicago. He received his B.A. in history from Yale University, his B.D. from Chicago Theological Seminary and studied theology and ethics at Union Theological Seminary, New York.

Included in his distinguished achievements and wide experience we note that he is a Phi Beta Kappa from Yale, was President of the Student Body at Union Seminary, Vice-President of A. P. U. P., served in the Detroit Innercity Parish and recently returned from a year of theological study in Hamburg, Germany under an educational fellowship.

Mr. Lovell will be responsible for the development of the Committee on Research and Study, will work with the Committee of National Staff for Campus Christian Life and its United Campus Projects and assist the Associated Section of Local Staff.

"Bill's" many friends will wish him well as he takes up his work and the staff of C. H. E. will welcome his arrival March 1, 1961.*

*Ad interim appointment subject to confirmation of the General Board of the National Council of Churches.

MCGRATH SPEAKS ON CHURCH COLLEGES

Over 200 colleges and universities are now members of the Council of Protestant Colleges and Universities. This was reported at the Annual Assembly held at Denver, Colorado. Feature of the Assembly was an address by Dr. Earl McGrath, "The Future of the Church-Related College." "Church-related colleges will determine their own future position in American higher education by the resoluteness with which they reaffirm their religious dedication and reestablish their collegiate character." (Copies available from Commission on Higher Education, 475 Riverside Drive, New York 27, New York.) The address was followed by a stimulating panel discussion composed of John Moseley of Austin College, Miller Upton of Beloit College and Myron Wicke of Southwestern at Memphis.

OFFICERS CPCU

Retiring President Miller Upton turned over the gavel to Clemens Granskou, President of St. Olaf College. Other officers: Vice-President, John Moseley, Austin College; Secretary, Clarence Stoughton, Wittenberg College; Treasurer, Harry V. Masters, Albright College.

BIBLIOGRAPHY ON FINANCIAL AID

The Office of Education of the US Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare has just put out a new bulletin entitled "Student Financial Aid in Higher Education an Annotated Bibliography." This is an excellent and complete bibliography well worth having. It covers a lot of ground under the headings of General and Composite, National Defense Education Act, Costs, Scholarships, Fellowships, Assistantships, Loans, Part-time Employment, Foreign Study. It should be noted that this is a bibliography, not a publication with direct information. For direct information, we suggest the two booklets, "Financial Aid to College Students, Graduate," and another one, "Financial Aid to College Students, Undergraduate." These were published in 1957 and we are told that a new edition of the Undergraduate directory is in preparation and will be published in 1961.

EDUCATION IN THE USA

Education in the United States of America is the title of another new publication of the US Office of Education. It is a useful description of the general nature of the whole American educational pattern. It tells where responsibility rests for various levels of education, how it is carried out, figures on enrollment, etc. It seeks to avoid value judgments and thus reveals them inadvertently through the writer's "instrumentalist" point of view. The purpose of education is defined as, "The development of the individual; and the achievement of the maximum welfare of society through the cooperative efforts of individuals and groups." It is available from the US Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare, OE 10006.

RELIGION IN AMERICAN SOCIETY

Speaking of general surveys we call attention to the special issue on Religion in American Society published by The Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science. This is the Table of Contents:

TRENDS: PAST AND PRESENT	
Trends in Church Membership in the United States	Benson Y. Landis
Historic Waves of Religious Interest in America	Timothy L. Smith
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THE NEW ROLE OF THE LAITY	
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Church and the Laity Among Catholics	John J. Kane
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CHURCH AND SECULAR AFFAIRS	
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Current Trends in Religion - A Summary	Richard D. Lambert

The Editor states that the view point is by design naturalistic. "They analyze our religious institutions in much the same way as one might analyze a political party, a corporation or a school system. ...in general however the tone is optimistic."

COWM URBAN SEMINARS

Two outstanding opportunities for students and staff to understand the impact of urbanization and technology on 20th century man are being offered in weeklong study and involvement seminars on the church at work in the heart of New York and Chicago. Dates - March 25 - April 1. Application deadline, February 25. Write: COWM, NSCF, 475 Riverside Drive, New York 27, New York.

HAVE YOU RECOMMENDED THE SCHOLAR LATELY?

"Since the book deals with two fundamental concerns of academic men - their working conditions and their performance ex cathedra - it is likely that the last persons to hear about its existence will be the academic profession." Comment by Jacques Barzun quoted by Roland Frye in his review of The Academic Marketplace by Caplow and McGee and Riesman's, Constraint and Variety in American Education in the forthcoming spring issue of The Christian Scholar. In the same issue another excellent article by Nathan Scott, a review of Pelikan's recent book by John Bennett, and other good articles.

RISING COLLEGE COSTS

At a recent Interdenominational Consultation on Educational Loans and Scholarships, Dr. Paul McMinn of the Office of Education gave some interesting figures. Increases in the cost of living during the past four years:

- food 6%
- rent 5%
- medical care 14%
- general cost of living 7%
- college tuition or fees 33%
- private college tuition and fees during the 11 years have risen 165%
- it is estimated that they will rise another 33% during the next four years
- children born this year will spend $14,000 for a college education

WHO GOES TO COLLEGE?

- who is being educated is determined more by economics than by I.Q.
- family income about $10,000, 90% of children expected to enter college, family income $3,000, 40% expected children to go to college
- to give some degree of equality of opportunity we would need by 1970 more than 2 billion for scholarship aid

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Milligan College on the announcement of its admission to membership in the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

Congratulations to Dr. John O. Gross and the Methodist Board of Education on the excellent story on Methodism and its colleges in the February 3 issue of Time magazine.

NEEDY COLLEGE LIBRARIES

A useful little pamphlet has been put out recently by the Council for Financial Aid to Education on "A Few Facts About College and University Libraries." The pamphlet stresses the crucial importance of the library to the college and university and then goes on to indicate that for many, many colleges and universities libraries are inadequate both in terms of the books available, appropriations for support, and services rendered. They point out that library expenditures are not going up as rapidly as total expenditures in most institutions and that personal salaries for librarians are around $5500. The Association of College and Research Libraries has been obtaining funds from foundations to help the situation. "In each of the first four years of the ACRL grants program 2/3 or more of the applicant colleges spent less than $10,000 for library material - a discouraging picture indeed." "In most college libraries there is a shortage both of professional and clerical help." "Another salient fact is that between 75 and 80 per cent of the applicants for grants reported below 100,000 volumes in their libraries." The pamphlet closes with the comment that those wishing to "do something" for American colleges and universities might give serious consideration to this need. The pamphlet is available from the CFEA, 6 East 45th Street, N.Y. 17, N.Y.

COLLEGE GUIDE

To those who are constantly being asked for a good reference book on colleges, we recommend The New American Guide to Colleges by Gene R. Hawes. This is published in paperback as a Signet Key Book for 75¢. Anyone who takes the trouble to study the code symbols will find this little book contains excellent information on most of the colleges of the country.

RESOURCE MATERIAL

Theology and Bible Study Guides

- The Christian Hope, by William Narum, a guide on eschatology (FCF office, 10¢)
- The Meaning of Theological Reflection for the Christian Scholar, by Charles McCoy (FCF office, 10¢)
- Our Mission within the Campus, by William R. Baird, Jr., Interpretation and Discussion Guide by Jan J. McCrae (UCCF, 1720 Chouteau Ave., St. Louis 3, Missouri, 20¢)

5000 STUDENTS EXPECTED

The Methodist Student Movement Bulletin announces the 7th National Methodist Student Conference to be held at the University of Illinois, August 26-31, 1961. Theme, "Covenant for New Creation." Among the Speakers - Bishop Gerald Kennedy, Nathan Scott, John Deschner. (Information - write M.S.M., Box 871, Nashville 2, Tennessee.)

BAPTIST SEMINAR

A Washington - UN Legislative Seminar is being planned by the American Baptists, February 26 - March 2, 1961, limit 75 students.

CCL CONFERENCE

A Joint Campus Ministry Conference for college town pastors, conference directors of campus Christian life, campus pastors and chaplains will be held at Monmouth College, Monmouth, Illinois, July 10-15, 1961. (For information write Robert Huber, U.C.C.F., 222 South Downey Avenue, Indianapolis 7, Indiana.)

CLERGY COMPENSATION PROJECT

In keeping with the recommendation of the Policy and Strategy Committee of the National Council of Churches, a Clergy Compensation Project has been undertaken for the year 1961, with Dr. Paul Calvin Payne serving as Consultant. Assigned administratively to the Department of the Ministry, the project will coordinate denominational efforts at improving clergy compensation across the church.

LOOKS INTERESTING

Dr. Harold Taylor, former president of Sarah Lawrence College is host and narrator of the new ABC television series "Meet the Professor" beginning Sunday, February 5, twelve noon EST.

WISDOM ON STUDENT ATTITUDES

Dr. Taylor, by the way, is the author of the most perceptive article on student thinking and attitude we have seen in some time. "The New Young are Now Heard." (New York Times magazine, January 29, 1961) "What we did not notice was that the young were not listening. They had quietly disappeared into their own world and left the older generation talking to itself. ...In matters of principle and desire for positive action, the young have been ahead of the government and their country." - - - and their churches???

We quote the concluding paragraph of the Annual Report of the Commission on Higher Education:

HAIL! BUT NOT FAREWELL

"A report on the Commission on Higher Education would not be complete without a particular word of appreciation for the work of its retiring chairman, Dr. E. Fay Campbell. For thirty or forty years the name of Fay Campbell has been identified with some phase of the ecumenical Christian concern for higher learning. Few men have given themselves so unreservedly, with such integrity and choice Christian spirit. We count it a privilege to have had him as our chairman during the last three years of his national ministry with the United Presbyterian Church and wish him Godspeed as he continues his service as Chaplain at Maryville College."

New officers of the Commission are: Harlie L. Smith, Chairman, Hartland Helmich, Vice Chairman, Elmer Million, Secretary, Vernon Strempke, Treasurer. Other members of the Executive Committee are: E. Fay Campbell, Paul Deats, J. Edward Dirks, Luther Harshbarger, A. Blair Helman, and Herbert Stroup.

Hubert C. Noble
General Director